



Cherry Chatter

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CHERRY CHATTER 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EDITION

This edition is both a celebration and a tragedy. This is the 30th anniversary of the first edition of the Cherry Chatter published back in May 1992. It is also, sadly, when we remember one of our own, Gill Sims, who was there in the very beginning as we prepared to publish that first edition but passed away peacefully with her close family on April 30th. In this edition we also remember Rob Linn who is another local who passed away during April.

On April 25th some of us gathered at the Cherry Gardens Soldiers Memorial Park to remember our local men who gave their lives in World War 1 and to reflect on the horror of war which is even now evident in the Ukraine. Lest we Forget.

And we also celebrate the end of a quiet fire season and the first rains.

Throughout this edition you will find a number of articles and messages remembering our friends and a copy of the first edition of Cherry Chatter.

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MAY 1992 CHERRY CHATTER EDITION 1

CHERRY CHATTER

Welcome to the new Cherry Chatter - a newsletter which is unashamedly parochial and free to Cherry Gardens residents. We hope to keep you informed about local issues, upcoming social events and gossip. Since the demise of the Community Association many people have commented that they feel "out of touch" without a regular newsletter. The newsletter group is a bunch of (likeable?) locals who don't have any particular axe to grind, but want to provide a community forum for people of the district.

We hope that, thanks to the sponsorships of local businesses this newsletter will be financially independent and regularly distributed.

People of Cherry Gardens are invited to send community information, letter to the editor, classified ads or regular advertising for future editions. We welcome your comments and contributions. In future editions we will also include sports results - so contact us if your group wants to be included.

See you at the Trivia Night!

ROB WALKER

We would like to extend our best wishes to Bev Langley who has been quite seriously ill for some time now. We hope your recovery is speedy and that you will soon be back to your active lifestyle.

Bev has contacted us and would like to thank all those people that have helped, offered to help, cooked meals and wished her and the family well during their ordeal. A special thanks to Jess Pope, Marg Beaumont, Lyn Meese and Beth Smith.

We also wish one of the communities longstanding members, Horace Marshall, our best wishes during his illness.

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT FOR MARCH, 1992

Rainfall for March, 1992	104.8 mm
Rainfall for March, 1991	8.6 mm
Average Rainfall for March	38.2 mm

Rainfall to the end March, 1992	126.8 mm
Rainfall to the end March, 1991	41.6 mm
Average Rainfall to the end of March	92.2 mm

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CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT MARCH 2022

Rainfall for March 2022	16.2 mm
Rainfall for March 2021	32.0
Average rainfall for March	37.5

Rainfall to the end of March 2022	67.2
Rainfall to the end of March 2021	119.4
Average rainfall to the end March	95.9

Number days of rain March 2022	6
Number days of rain March 2021	8

CHERRY GARDENS RAINFALL REPORT APRIL 2022

Rainfall for April 2022	20.0 mm
Rainfall for April 2021	44.4
Average rainfall for April	71.0

Rainfall to end of April 2022	87.2
Rainfall to end of April 2021	163.8
Average rainfall to end of April	166.9

Number days of rain for April 2022	7
Number days of rain for April 2021	13

HALL NEWS

CHERRY GARDENS

MEMORIAL HALL FOR HIRE

Available for hire for all functions, meetings & social occasions

Very reasonable rates

For bookings and more information

phone 0414 824 110

Full kitchen facilities available



YOGA CLASSES

We are very pleased to advise that Yoga classes are starting at the Hall.

Shoba will be running the classes. Shoba is a very experienced teacher, currently running classes at Clarendon, Kangarilla, Reynella and Marion as "Shine with Shoba Yoga". You can check out Shoba's Facebook page at "Shine with Shoba Yoga", and also look at the Hall Facebook page for more information.

Shoba can be contacted on 0474 193 192 if you would like more information, or details on class times.



You may have seen the silhouette of the soldier on the Eastern wall of the hall. The committee decided to erect it to maintain the status of the hall as a Memorial Hall.

We are also looking to place the Rising Sun emblem at the front of the hall and provide lighting for both emblems.

We can offer advice with all wildlife enquires and provide support for you. Call Bev on 0422938439 or Glenn on 8270 1169. Happy to assist where we can.
www.mintonfarm.org

VALE GILL SIMS



The Cherry Gardens Community Association and Cherry Chatter has lost one of its own. Last Saturday evening one of our founding members Gill Sims passed away peacefully surrounded by close family and loved ones. We and the community are in shock and disbelief that our friend has gone.

Gill was such a community minded person and so full of life and caring for others that trying to sum up her life here is not possible. Gill loved horse riding and was regularly out and about with friends riding through the district (with a flask of brandy to recharge). As well as being a life member of the Cherry Chatter she had been involved with the Hall committee for many years and a member of the Cherry Gardens CFS for 27 years both in the brigade in the communications group and at the airstrip filling aircraft.

Gill was one of those people who was just involved in everything and always busy. Our life was that much better for having known and being a friend of Gill's.

On behalf of the Cherry Gardens Community and everyone that knew and loved Gill, our deepest condolences and love go out to Brian, Chelsea and Jess along with partners and grandkids.

Rest in peace dear friend



SACFS CHERRY GARDENS

We have all gathered together in a time of grief for the passing of Gill Sims, a much loved and cherished member of our Brigade. Gill passed away in late April, surrounded by love in the arms of her family.

I suspect Gill touched most of us in the community in some way, but her contribution to the CFS was truly remarkable. She was awarded life membership of both the CFS and the Cherry Gardens Brigade, having served

for 27 years as a communications operator for Sturt Group communications and as a member of the Cherry Gardens airstrip team. Her contribution to the CFS through these roles reached people much further than our local area. She also contributed to brigade life in other ways, such as helping beautify the station gardens. Thoughts of "Gills tractor" will always bring back happy memories of days passed.

From those who knew, loved and worked closely with Gill –

"Gill was an amazing friend to all that knew her and had the kindest heart. You will never be gone from our hearts". "Wicked sense of humour, twinkle in her eye, enthusiastic and effervescent"

"We will all be better people for knowing her"

All of our thoughts at this time are with our former Captain Brian, daughters Chelsea and Jess (former Cherry Gardens Senior firefighter) and their families.

Happy hour will never quite be the same..

RIP Gill.



SACFS AIR OPERATIONS Region1 Air Operations brigade

The Air Strip team offers condolences to Brian, Chelsea, Jess and their families on the passing of Gill.

Gill has been a long-time volunteer with our crew and we will all miss her so much. Gill was always one of the first to volunteer to get the air strip ready for the fire season and make sure everyone was looked after and welcomed.

She was so easy to make friends with and you always felt special around her.

From all of us – Rest in Peace



VALE ROB LINN

The following has been sent to us by Rob's family.

Remembering Robert Wadmore (Rob) Linn

24 February 1953 - 4 March 2022

A resident of Cherry Gardens for 40 years.



Robert Wadmore Linn (known as Rob) was born to dermatologist Dr Howard Linn and his wife, Helen nee Dunn. He attended Mitcham Primary school before going on to complete his secondary studies at Prince Alfred College. Attending the college gave him many opportunities; including representing the intercollegiate tennis team from 1970-71 and becoming a school prefect in 1971. Whilst at PAC, Rob received the Bruce Hamilton Prize for English and Essays in 1970.

Rob went on to study Arts at the University of Adelaide and received a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in 1977, followed by a Master of Arts in History in 1984.

Rob married Jane (nee Russell) at St John's Anglican Church in Coromandel Valley in 1982. They purchased a property in Cherry Gardens and moved in immediately after they were married. Rob and Jane made this their family home for the past 40 years.

After teaching Australian history at Adelaide University for a number of years, and with encouragement from his father in law Frank, Rob established Historical Consultants Pty Ltd in partnership with his wife, Jane in 1984. He wrote over 50 historically related books, as well as many journal articles. He also completed more than five hundred oral history interviews Australia wide. Many of these interviews were related to the histories that he had been commissioned to write.

Rob won many literary awards. In 2011, his history of the University of Adelaide North Terrace Campus won the Mander Jones Award of the Australian Society of Archivists. He won the Australian Water Association Literary Award 2004 for "Murray Water is Thicker than Blood: the stories of the families who made the River Murray's locks and barrages" and the National Book Council's inaugural Lysbeth Cohen Award for biography for his "Nature's Pilgrim" at the National Council's 1990 Banjo awards. His 'Bungaree: Land, stock and people' won the Genealogy Society Family History of the Year award in 1993.

Rob was an interviewer for the National Library of Australia's oral history program and a consultant to ABC Radio National's Social History Unit, the J.D Somerville Oral History Collection at the State Library of South Australia, the Keith Murdoch Sound Archive, and the Australian War Memorial. Rob undertook the largest oral history project of its type in the world for the Australian wine industry – 213 hours.

Rob's oral histories were always well researched, and his interviewing style was warm and friendly. He always managed to gently guide the interviewee through the interview giving them the space they needed to share their story. Many of his interviews are available on-line. His genuine interest in people from all walks of life and the stories they told was one of the key drivers behind his success as an oral historian.

Rob was a councillor with the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society for more than 30 years. Working behind the scenes at the Woodcutting as well as in the Taste SA pavilion and the Old Ram shed.

Rob's life reflected his strong Christian faith. As a young

child through to his teens, Rob attended what was then Malvern Methodist Church with his family. Through to his early 20's Rob worshipped at Westbourne Park Uniting Church assisting with the music and attending youth group, then helped run the evening Youth services at Westbourne Park and mentored many young people in the Youth Group. He was heavily involved in the music at the church throughout this time, playing the guitar and singing.

During his university days, Rob worked part-time at Mitcham records. He spent most of his earnings on new records and always maintained an exceptional record collection. He was a guitarist and vocalist in a number of bands.

After their marriage in 1982, he and Jane bought their property in Cherry Gardens and immediately attended Cherry Gardens Uniting Church where Rev. Arthur Jackson was the minister. Rob was appointed an elder at the church and led the first part of the worship, leading the singing and playing his guitar, most Sundays. At that time too, Rob and Jane began a youth group for all the local young people to come together each Friday evening in the Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. A little later Rob and Jane began a Sunday school at the church for the local families.

Over the next few years their 4 children were born and all attended Cherry Church where John Octoman was the pastor. One of the highlights of the year was the annual Carol Singing around the district in a small minibus. It was a wonderful way to connect with the locals.

Later, Rob and Jane and family began worshipping with the Ironbank church congregation but were still involved in combined activities with Cherry Church.

As the family grew up and the children needed to be involved in a larger church with more children their age, Rob and Jane and family became involved with Coromandel Baptist church on Ackland Hill Road. During this time, Rob organised families from the Baptist Church to hold monthly Family nights at the Ironbank Church involving a shared meal and worship time. Many local folk from Ironbank joined in these occasions. These were wonderful times, where all ages met together. Rob became a church deacon, he regularly led worship and helped teach the Sunday school children.

In 2018, Rob and Jane resumed worshipping at Cherry Church, after their children had completed their studies, married and left home. Rob became part of the church leadership and once again regularly helped in worship leading. Over the past couple of years, Rob was the Chairman of the Cherry Church Congregation. He regularly contributed articles in the Cherry Chatter. Rob and family put together a Christmas evening of carols and readings in the garden at Cherry Church only last December.

Rob has left behind an amazing legacy recording and preserving Australian history. Regardless of his many achievements, Rob's greatest love and joy was spending

time with his family and many friends. Rob is survived by his wife Jane and their children and families Josephine & Scott; Matthew & Erin, Sarah & Rob; and Benjamin and Kat. Grandfather to Lilly, Mary, Anne, Josh; Edward; Henry, Tom; Jack
Described as a kind gentle man with a great passion for history, he will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Editors Note:

Rob was a great supporter of the Cherry Gardens Community and in 1994 he assisted the committee in undertaking a Oral History project of the Cherry Gardens district.

Rob spent time with the committee at that time to train us how to go about undertaking such a project, who to reach out to and how to go about gathering information. He personally interviewed many of the "old timers" and recorded their recollections of early days in Cherry Gardens.

Rob's passion rubbed off on me and I have personally continued his work in the community.

On behalf of the community we offer our condolences to Jane, Josephine, Matthew, Sarah, Ben and the extended families.

Rest in Peace

POPPY BLANKET FOR THE CHERRY GARDENS MEMORIAL HALL



We are looking for some locals who can help us knit or crochet some poppy's so we can prepare a Poppy Blanket for the front of the Memorial Hall. This will be an ongoing project so please continue to make them so we can achieve our goal, if not this year, then by Anzac Day 2023.

Please check out the link on the Cherry Chatter website at www.cherry chatter.org.au for some sample poppy patterns.

Any help you can offer would be welcome. You can contact Bev Watton on 0400 019 640 for more info or to volunteer.

CHERRY GARDENS CFS

If you would like more information or a visit to the station, please contact Nola (0407 370 002) or Bill (0433 656 803).



Looking back over the 21/22

fire season, we had no major incidents or threats to our area which is a great result. Thanks to all for playing a part in achieving this outcome – I'm sure the local fires last year are still foremost in people's minds.

It was communicated to the CFS late last year that Australia's predicted weather patterns would see a cooler, wetter run up to Christmas and this is exactly what occurred. The danger was that the bushfire threat could be extended further into 2022 and this is now the case. Please keep good fire safe practices in place until the season finally changes, the Cherry Gardens area still has a large fuel load which given the right circumstances could readily ignite.

We have had a few call outs lately which requires us to manage traffic – things like trees down or motor vehicle accidents. This involves temporary road closures, or closing one lane until the area can be made safe. Please be aware the speed limit past emergency service vehicles (with red and blue lights flashing) and personal dealing with an incident is **25km/ hour**.



Cherry Gardens Rd can carry a large amount of non-local traffic at times, but it is vital this speed limit be observed for all of our safety. Drivers who ignore this speed limit (and it happens regularly) are really putting all of our volunteers at risk, so please do your part next time you see us or any other road workers in operation.
Remember, there is a 25km/hour speed limit past

stationary emergency service vehicles with red and blue lights flashing.

Finally, a big thank you to Vanessa!

CHERRY GARDENS GARDEN CLUB

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MARCH MEETING REPORT

Melissa Bradley of Water Sensitive SA (Can be found by using the following web address) <https://www.watersensitivesa.com/> was the very interesting guest speaker at our March 2022 meeting.

An engineer, with an interest in hydrology and a passion for ameliorating flooding and the dreadful ravages of storm water runoff to creek banks, her passion was infectious! Many kilometers of this vital habitat for native water birds, animals, and plants have been scoured and washed away because of excessive run off from hard surfaced driveways, roofs, and large, water impervious, paved areas. We became aware of the damaging role of hard surfaces in allowing storm water run-off to rush towards and down storm water drains, gathering volume and velocity, and even more alarmingly, toxic waste, as they pass through ever more densely populated suburbs, towards the sea. We heard – many of us for the first time - that it is possible by using water sensitive engineering design incorporating the appropriate use of modern, purpose-designed landscaping materials, and water storage tanks, to hold onto all water that falls on your property. We learned of structures called rain gardens. Urban infill is leaving smaller and smaller areas of land, into which rainfall used to soak and sink down, building up reserves of moisture and thus provide deep rooted plants with moisture. This results in less and less roots to hold the soil together to prevent washing away of top soil particularly on sloping land. Melissa handed out samples of porous pavers, and driveway surfaces which prevent water run-off. These products can prevent up to 10mm run off in an hour period. Depending on the structure of the soil under these products run off absorption could be many times greater.

The annual tomato challenge exhibits were judged by Melissa, and Edith who exhibited an interesting plateful of various types of tomatoes, was the well-deserved winner. After the usual plant auction, an adequate supper with Covid style commercially pre-packaged treats, biscuits and chocolates finished off the evening.

April 2022 Cherry Gardens Garden Club meeting

On 11th April our guest speaker Greg Lawrence of the Liliium Society shared with us the joy of growing Liliium and Blubs. If one had not grown these beautiful plants before, one certainly came away enthused to try them

this year.

We heard of his methods of propagation, from how to store them, the ways in which to divide off the new bulbils or peel scales from the parent bulb in April, and how to start the scales of Liliium in damp sphagnum moss. Because many bulbs originate from climates different to ours, we learned which bulbs respond well to spending a few weeks in the fridge prior to planting, as this tricks them into believing the weather is perfect for waking up and growing after their annual period of dormancy. Geoff recommended that we grow various types of Liliium dotted around in non-irrigated parts of the garden to give us a lovely surprise when they flower year after year. Bulbs can do well in pots too. They prefer not to be watered at all over the months during which they are dormant. Various lilies have preferences as to the alkalinity or acidity of the soil so it is important as always to read the growing information on the pack carefully. As Lilies burn easily they do best in afternoon shade. Oriental lilies prefer Acidic soil and most others Alkaline soil. The well known South Australian manufactured, organic pellet fertilisers are of benefit. Seedlings are much cheaper to purchase than bulbs and flower in under 2 years. Tulips and Hippeastrum are prone to virus but there is a proprietary brand of treatment available.

It was a perfect evening, weatherwise, to have the French doors open and spill out on to the balcony to enjoy a great supper provided by those on the roster.

Some of the plants which did not sell on the very successful plant stall held at the time of the election were among the great selection of plants auctioned. Some members brought various cuttings to be taken to try growing at home. Home produce and preserves were also on offer.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY 2022

- The composting process slows as temperatures decline so try to have your heap or tumbler in a sunny spot and try to turn it on a more regular basis (keeps both you and the compost warm).
- Reduce/cease irrigation for deciduous fruit trees once the soil has had a good deep soaking from rain.
- Beer traps should be set to catch snails and slugs, rather than using snail pellets which can be harmful to pets and wildlife. Snail pellets are now banned in the UK!
- Ensure your gutters are clean, especially if you are harvesting your rainwater.
- Pull out weeds as soon as they appear, mulch will help to suppress them.
- Plant rhubarb and asparagus crowns in May.



It is a good time to plant foxgloves, stocks, hollyhocks, linaria, pansies, carnations, alyssum, and delphiniums. Vegetables you could try include kale, peas, carrots, cauliflower,

NEXT MEETING

Monday June 20th – James McIlwain a landscaper from Hills Classic Gardens will be our Guest Speaker at the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church

Our seed swap should be in full swing by this meeting.

GEORGE'S GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE 2022

Tuscan or red Russian kale is easy to grow during winter and has the benefit of being cholesterol-lowering, an anti-inflammatory, and has cancer fighting properties.

Green manure crops should be powering along by now and can be dug in about 6 weeks before planting your spring vegetables.

Autumn leaves are often still available and can be gathered and contained in a cylinder of chicken wire or fine weld-mesh to rot down. Run the mower over large leaves and add some poultry manure to the mix to speed up the process.

Do not be tempted to heavily prune fruit trees at this time of the year as it will only encourage rapid growth in spring, rather take a small amount off and leave heavier pruning/shaping till summer.

Bare-rooted ornamentals and fruit trees are now available, have your site prepared before purchase and keep the roots damp once you bring them home and after planting.

Weeds are starting to appear and should be dealt with as soon as you find a sunny day to spend an hour or two in the garden. Dig them in or hand-pull and add to your compost (better still feed them to your chooks)

Polyanthus are an ideal perennial for some winter/spring colour but watch out for snails.

Ageratum is a hardy annual ideal for borders with delightful blue powder-puff flowers. Trim off spent blooms and feed with a liquid fertiliser.

OVER THE STABLE DOOR with Hamish



Greetings Fellow Equines and Horse Owners!

Goodness, still no or very little rain and the eastern states are being deluged! Meanwhile our paddocks are extremely dry with minimum coverage. The ideal grass

height should be between 5 and 12cm. Lower than that and the grass will eventually die out, leaving bare patches. We all know what fills those patches! Careful management can reduce the risk of this happening. If the grass is left too long, it tends to become quite unpalatable and horses will leave it. This is often seen in a 'horse sour' paddock. In the hills this is also a fire risk.

Ways to manage good grass cover can include rotational grazing using temporary fencing, making strips of pasture as the horses work their way through the area.

When grass is long and lank, slashing can work here, or using a different animal, i.e. to cross graze. Cows and sheep will eat what the horses leave, but be careful not to overgraze, especially with sheep as they will eat right down to the ground.

The number of horses on an area of land needs to be considered too. Too many and the grass will be eaten down too quickly and the soil can become compacted, creating dead areas, dust and mud. In a heavy downpour, erosion will occur only too easily, making more unnecessary work for the horse owner.

Holding yards can be useful as an interim measure, or stables with outdoor access to a yard.

Spelling paddocks can be beneficial too, as can getting a soil test done so that any additional trace elements, Fertilizers etc. can be added. If you are new to a property, then this is good thing to do. The long-term benefits will far outweigh the initial costs. If the land is really degraded, then another option could be to remove all stock and agist elsewhere. Unfortunately, this could take a while so patience is the key!

If at all possible, it is better for the horses' mental well-being to be run as a herd. Once separated, stereotypes such as fence walking, crib biting, weaving etc. will become apparent. Letting horses in together needs to be done gradually, usually one new one at a time until all are in together. There also needs to be plenty of room for the newbie to move away from any initial aggression. In my owner's experience, there have never been any injuries keeping to this routine. Running as a herd will markedly reduce standing for long periods in a given spot, compaction, erosion and fighting over fences.

Good luck with that, Hamish!

June 2022 Edition of Hamish

Still very little rain to date. This area of the hills is well below average for this time of year. Recent rains have been welcome, but more is needed. This is what climate change has predicted, lower rain falls down south, but with spasmodic heavy downpours. It certainly seems to be going that way. Heavy downpours can cause quite a bit of erosion, particularly when the pasture has deteriorated somewhat. Planning ahead can help prevent this. Using old, damaged hay and small sticks/branches placed across downhill hollows can help to stem the flow of water. Temporary fencing can allow degraded areas to recover. Again, spreading old hay in those degraded areas is helpful. Of course, while the diligent horse owner is coping with all this, there are weeds to be pulled or slashed. The bonus is that not only do the weeds become easier to manage, but the paddocks will look much better and be better for us equines! All work and no play is not good though, so there must be a balance. We horses are a social lot and generally enjoy interaction with our owners. We can't be left in the 'garage' so to speak and be expected to behave impeccably when we are ridden. Training for us is ongoing throughout our lives and this requires dedication and discipline from our owners. On the other hand, to be ridden most days of the week can tend to make us dull and even sore, so as always everything in moderation. Even a good groom can be interaction between owner and horse. This is the ideal time to check for minor injuries, cuts, swellings, heat in feet as well as keeping your equine looking good with a healthy shiny coat. So, plenty of work to do for the horse owner, but keep the balance with a pleasurable ride as well.

Happy munching, riding and pasture management!

Hamish

WORKSHOPS AT THE HALL

Workshop at the Hall, Saturday 9th to Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July

Flaming Hot Fibre Arts!

Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall has been the venue for several art workshops in recent years, organised by local artist and tutor, Moira Simpson, who lives in Scott Creek and runs Evocative Art and Heritage workshops with guest tutors from Australia and overseas. The hall provides a great space for workshops with plenty of room for everyone to spread out and have two work tables each – especially useful when working on large pieces of work, such as felted garments. It also has the benefit of an outside work area which is ideal for methods that use strong-smelling glues.



Border closures and social distancing measures over the past two years meant that workshops were postponed from 2020 and 2021. Happily, the workshop program is being resurrected now and the first workshops for 2022 are being taught by Alysnn Midgelow-Marden, an experienced and dynamic fibre and mixed media artist and tutor from New Zealand.

Flaming Hot Fibre Arts is a bespoke 4-day workshop designed by Alysnn especially for her visit to South Australia. It will be an exciting exploration of methods of using heat, flame and stitch to colour, texture and shape metals, wires, metal fabrics and spunbond materials, such as Tyvek and Lutradur, for use in 2D and 3D artworks. The workshop will run from Sat 9 to Tues 12 July 2022 in Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.



Artworks by Alysnn Midgelow-Marden using heat-coloured metal shim and mesh with embroidery.

Not-So-Standard Angelina is a one-day workshop in which Alysnn will show participants how to use standard (not heat-fusible) Angelina fibres. These fabulous metallic fibres refract light and can be used in various ways as embellishments to add shimmer and sheen to stitched textiles, cardmaking, mixed media, and other crafts. Alysnn is a leading proponent of these beautiful fibres and the author of a book devoted to the subject: *Between the Sheets with Angelina*. The workshop will be held on Wed 13 July 2022 in Tanglewood Studio, Scott Creek. You can see more examples of Alison's work and details of the workshops at www.evocativearts.com.au/workshops



Details of artworks by Alysn Midgelow-Marden using Angelina fibres, stitching and beads.

SACFS Region 1 Air Operations Brigade

Our Fire Danger season finished officially on 30 April. The Region and therefore our Brigade has had a relatively quiet summer; we were called out only twice to service the water bombers.

Mid North and Eyre Peninsula had quite a few grass fires to contend with earlier in the season but the worst affected area this year was the Lower South East where they had callouts day after day for several weeks. This included the tragic incident near Lucindale in which a firefighter from Happy Valley Brigade was lost and another from Ironbank Brigade was severely injured.

Our activity for the season will be rounded out with a working bee later this month to re-assess our requirements and ensure that our equipment is fully operational for the next time we are needed.

WELCOME TO CHERRY GARDENS

We'd like to welcome our new Cherry Gardens residents, Matt and Sharna, and their 3 children.

We hope you love living in Cherry as much as we do.

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Anyone wanting to find out more or help us with our restoration work, or simply wanting more information about the Friends of Scott Creek CP, can contact us on info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au or visit our website www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au. You can also follow us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/friendsofscottcreekcp where you will find up to date information about our activities, including photos of the park's diverse flora and fauna.

CHERRY CHURCH

cherry Gardens Church
87 Hicks Hills Road,
Cherry Gardens
Services held on
Sundays at 9.30am –
and all are welcome



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Andy Kirss	Vicki Kirss
Julie Powell	Rebekah Pillar
Margaret Macks	Jenny Vickerman
Graeme Vickerman	Maxine Watson
Emily Weir	Gill Marshman
Julie Martin	

JUNE

Margy Pillar
Gill Sims
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Martin Weir
Bill Semple
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GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR - MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

There is plenty of news for the month of May, so this newsletter is relatively long as I am attempting to get a lot more news out to my network. I would also like to include details in future newsletters of activities being undertaken by the various community groups I engage with, so please if you have any events on let me know around the 20th of each month so that I can include that detail in the following month's newsletter.

April was busy with me attending the Mayor's Cup on Saturday 2 April at the South Adelaide Football Club (South Adelaide/Centrals), Noarlunga Oval, then down to Alberton Oval on the following Saturday for a Port Adelaide/South Adelaide game. Alberton Oval is hallow ground for my family as my grandfather (Harry Eaton) was a life member, captain and played for Port Adelaide for many years (winning their best and fairest medal), along with my father (Maurice Eaton) who also played for them and was a member of their 1936 premiership team. I have fond memories of attending Alberton Oval with them as a child, so this opportunity allowed me to reflect on those times long gone.

I then had the normal round of Council meetings, as well as the Happy Valley Sports Park and Flagstaff Hill Oval boards, Onkaparinga Clubs Forum executive, the Coromandel Community Centre board, Healthy Cities Onkaparinga committee, and Onkaparinga Food Security Collaborative committee. I attended the Onkaparinga Grants Pitch event at Port Noarlunga Arts Centre on Sunday 10 April, was the City of Onkaparinga delegate at the Local Government Association of South Australia ordinary meeting on Thursday 8, attended a residents/developer meeting for the Bolton Court, Flagstaff Hill proposed childcare centre (with my co-councillor deputy mayor Marion Themeliotis), and a walkthrough of the Flagstaff Oval building redevelopment with the board committee.

Anzac Day was busy with the Flagstaff Hill Scouts dawn service and the Cherry Gardens memorial service followed by the one held at Clarendon where I accompanied acting mayor Simon McMahon and members of parliament. I couldn't attend the memorial service at Coromandel Valley as it clashed with the one at Cherry Gardens, but Marion officiated at this service. I intended to include an update on events being held at the Aberfoyle Park and Coromandel Valley Community Centres but to avoid delaying this newsletter I will forward them separately when I have the full details.

OUTFIT Onkaparinga

OUTFIT Onkaparinga is a Healthy Active Lifestyle Onkaparinga (HALO) initiative to help our community increase their physical activity. Our personal trainer provides alternative exercises making them accessible to all fitness levels and suitable for adults of all ages. This program will help establish good exercise behaviours and assist our community to 'Find Your 30'. Thirty minutes per day of moderate to intense physical activity is what is recommended under the [Australian Guidelines for Physical Activity and Sedentary Guidelines](#)

Commencing Monday 2 May, it will operate every weekday until Friday 8 July. All sessions will now commence at 9.30am, this is due to the completion of daylight savings.

The locations are:

- **Christie Downs** (Niipu niipu Wama/Morton Reserve, Morton Road) - Mondays at 9.30am - Outdoor group fitness
 - **Moana** (Nashwauk Crescent, Moana) - Tuesdays at 9.30am - Outdoor group fitness
 - **Christies Beach** (Rotary Park, Beach Road) - Wednesdays at 9.30am - Outdoor group fitness
 - **Flagstaff Hill** (Minkarra Park, Manning Road) - Thursday at 9.30am - Using outdoor fitness equipment
 - **Maslin Beach** (Frank Hilton Reserve, Gulf Parade) - Friday at 9.30am - Using outdoor fitness equipment
- Registrations required prior to bookings, which can be made three weeks in advance.

National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts

Morning Tea Watchman House

Due to the changes in the Covid restrictions the monthly Saturday morning teas at the Watchman House are planned to commence on the first Saturday of each month, between 8.00 am and midday, commencing Saturday 7 May. Unfortunately I will be an apology due to my attendance at the Water Security Forum being held the same day at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre.

Gamble Cottage

Gamble Cottage and Garden will be open for afternoon tea and plant sales between 1.00pm and 4.00pm Sunday 19 June. It will be closed for July and August.

Tours of the Watchman House and Wynns Bakehouse Museum can be arranged by contacting the National Trust on their email ntcoro1@bigpond.com or by phoning 0474066776.

Coromandel Valley Institute Building

Following community discussions regarding the future of the Coromandel Valley Institute building a report considering the future options of this building is scheduled to go before Council on 17 May, so will keep you informed of what is proposed.

Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch Area 491

The Aberfoyle Park and Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch group meet at the Aberfoyle Community Centre bi-monthly on a Monday evening commencing at 7.30 pm.

Dates for planned meetings in 2022 are:

- Mon July 18
- Mon Sept 19
- Mon Nov 21

The guest speaker at the May meeting is from the RAA, running an update/up skill for drivers who have had their licence for many years but may not be aware of

some changes to road rules. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings as it gives you the opportunity to understand what is occurring in your area as well as meeting other residents and contribute to making our suburbs safer places to live and work in.

Aberfoyle Repair Café

The repair cafe will run every second Saturday of the month from its launch on Saturday 14 May. A repair cafe is a place where community members can bring their broken/damaged items, and receive help from skilled repairers to fix them. It is a wonderful opportunity to save items going to landfill, extend the life of our household items, save money on buying new items, share and learn new skills, and connect with others in the community. Please head on over to their Facebook page, so you can find out more about repair cafes, and to stay up to date with our future events <https://www.facebook.com/aberfoylerepaircafe>.

Happy Valley BMX Club

Due to the damage that was caused by the severe weather event at the opening to the new Sam Willoughby BMX facility within Glenthorne National Park late last year, the Happy Valley BMX Club has had to relocate back to the Happy Valley Oval for training and competitions until the Sam Willoughby BMX track is repaired. It was an important decision by Council to retain the Happy Valley BMX track so that this temporary re-location could occur.

Hub Gymnastics receives \$1 million

Excellent news for Hub Gymnastics last month, with the federal government announcing a \$1 million funding boost to help them expand their facilities and support its growing membership. Hub Gymnastics is a southern success story, and its rapid growth is testament to the fantastic opportunities it has provided the region's budding gymnastic stars for decades. This investment into council's Paul Murray Recreation Centre opens a new chapter for the club, helping to deliver on its transformational vision and ensure more of our communities are active and healthy.

Thank you to Senator Andrew McLachlan and the federal government for this significant funding contribution, and to the Hub Gymnastics family for its determination and passion for this project.

Council remains committed to working with the club and funding partners to grow gymnastics in the south and deliver this much-needed facility for the community. With expanded facilities the club has the potential to grow to around 1000 members and the planned facility upgrade can be scaled or delivered in stages depending on how much funding becomes available. The new State Labor Government also committed \$3 million in the lead-up to the recent South Australian election. Council recently finalised a Federal

Election Advocacy plan that seeks a further \$2.3 million to realise the club's full vision for transformation of the facility. The federal government has now committed \$1 million.

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Meet Thalassa Park's fancy new residents

Fancy Pants, a rollicking tale of Dingo and his friends preparing for the Outback Dance, is the latest much-loved children's book to be brought to life at the park's Storybook Walk.

The new artwork was installed at a community event on 9 April and it joins 15 permanent artworks—including Grug, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, Storm Boy and The Dirty Dinosaur—in the tranquil and popular park.

Fancy Pants was written by Kelly Hibbert, illustrated by Amanda Green and published by Little Book Press. Both the author and the illustrator call South Australia home. Kelly Hibbert is a true local, having grown up in Happy Valley and now living in Aberfoyle Park.

The Storybook Walk is a sculpture park created by City of Onkaparinga in 2007 and it's funded through a partnership with the Thalassa Parks and Garden Trust and council. It aims to celebrate and raise the profile of Australian writers and poets

and their works, by bringing characters from some of the best-loved children's books to life.

Every two years, three books are selected, and the community is asked to vote for their favourite. Council then puts out an Expression of Interest to artists, inviting them to create an artwork based on the central character from the winning storybook.

This year Sally Wickes won the commission to create the new Fancy Pants artwork. Sally is a sculptor, visual artist and industrial designer who works in traditional and new materials. She has created artworks for exhibition, public art and symposia and is inspired by nature and her creations are as diverse as they are enriched by individual concepts and stories.



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McLaren Vale hits the trail



Pedestrians and cyclists will soon enjoy a safe and scenic trail connecting McLaren Flat and McLaren Vale.

The Flat to Vale Trail between Blewitt Springs Road, McLaren Flat, and the McLaren Vale Sports Ground, McLaren Vale, is nearing completion after construction commenced in October 2021. Families, runners, riders, walkers and visitors will be able to access the scenic 3.6km shared-use path from August.

The new trail connects to the Coast to Vines Trail, including the Shiraz Trail, in McLaren Vale, providing off-road pedestrian and cycle access from McLaren Flat to Willunga, Darlington and Hallett Cove, as well as public transport hubs along those routes. The extended trail network strengthens Onkaparinga as a cycling tourism destination and enhances the wine, food and tourism experience for all users.

The majority of the Flat to Vale Trail is a 2.5m wide sealed path positioned between commercial vineyards and Pedler Creek. The redgum trees that line the trail make for a significantly safer and more pleasant journey compared to using Chalk Hill and

Kangarilla Roads, which cyclists had to share with cars and trucks travelling at 80km per hour.

The project includes \$1.5 million of Australian Government funding through the Community Development Grants Program, sourced by Rebekha Sharkie MP, Federal Member for Mayo.

The trail crosses 10 individual parcels of privately-owned land. Council's Director City Operations Kirk Richardson commended the collaborative efforts of landowners, the Flat to Vale Trail Community Group and council to achieve the shared goal of creating the best experience for all users.

"Landowners willingly shared their knowledge of the land to create the best alignment for the trail, which helped council to select the best option," Kirk says.

Measures were put in place to minimise effects to the operation of commercial vineyards during the construction of the trail.

"At one section of the trail, the path crosses a busy vineyard vehicle crossing. A specific fencing treatment accompanied by linemarking and signage will be installed at this location to slow down and protect pedestrians and cyclists from trucks and vineyard machinery at the crossing," explains council's Project Leader Jamie Quilliam.

Chairperson of the Flat to Vale Trail Community Group Cherise Vallet says the trail is "about five years of community-led advocacy come to fruition".

Cherise acknowledged the support of City of Onkaparinga Southern Vales Ward councillor Wayne Olsen in aiding the community group to successfully lobby council to undertake the project.

"The community group was active in making initial connections with the landowners to discuss the project. We're so appreciative of the landowners for their support of the project, and for providing a portion of their land for the betterment of our whole community.

"The trail makes the area more attractive and accessible for visitors. Having such a pretty pathway going by several wineries is a bonus," Cherise says.



ON THE TRAIL

Max and his Dad, Jamie Quilliam get a sneak peak of the new trail (top left).

Andrew Queisser (Asset Planner), Allison Crabbe-King (Randall Wine Group), Dean Compton (Foggo Wines), Matt Ward (Randall Wine Group), Doug Kelly (McLaren Vale Sporting Complex) and Jamie Quilliam (Project Leader) pictured on the Flat to Vale Trail (above).



Onkaparinga Now

Flying the flag

“I think there should be an Aboriginal flag everywhere there is an Australian flag.”

So ended a short email from Aberfoyle Park eight-year-old, Summer, to her local City of Onkaparinga Councillor Marion Themeliotis late last year, asking why the Aboriginal flag didn't fly alongside the Australian one at her local roundabout.

Little did she know her idea would soon see her being presented with her own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags by Traditional Owner Karl Telfer, a new Aboriginal flag flying high from the roundabout behind them.

Summer, who drives past the Black Road and Flagstaff Hill Road roundabout at Flagstaff Hill with her family each day, said the meeting with Karl—the chairperson of council's First Nations People Advisory Group—in late April was a special moment.

“I felt shy the whole way through,” she said.

“[But] I felt special that I did a big thing and I was proud of myself.

“It was interesting hearing that the sun on the flag represents the woman, the giver of life. The red bit is the ground and red dust, and the black bit represents the people.

“Lots of people will see the Aboriginal flag every day, so they see that Aboriginal people are equal.”

Karl Telfer said he felt humbled to meet Summer.

“For a young person of Summer's age to notice the absence of the First Nations flag, and then want to do something about it, was profound, and we thank Summer for her voice and leadership, as this is a clear demonstration of Reconcili-action,” Karl said.



“I felt humbled to meet Summer, and was very happy to meet her family and see the mayor, elected members and council staff present for a such a positive and important historical and bi-cultural outcome for our communities.

“It's important for young people to feel that they are important and they matter. The voices of all young people must be heard, and the elders are responsible to create that space so this dialogue and conversation can happen respectfully. The young hold new energy/new vision and this should always be supported.”

City of Onkaparinga Acting Mayor Simon McMahon told Summer the flag-raising was democracy in action.

“Never forget what you can do by writing a letter,” he said as Karl presented her with her flags.

From email to action

Summer's idea to raise the flag was spurred by the fact the Aboriginal and Australian flags fly side-by-side at her school. Buoyed by Summer's inclusive email, Councillor Themeliotis raised a notice of motion at the November 2021 Strategic Directions Committee meeting for a report to come back to Council regarding the proposal.

“It's important to recognise the Kurna people as the Traditional Owners of the land,” Cr Themeliotis told Onkaparinga Now.

“The Aboriginal flag should fly side-by-side with the Australian flag in recognition of the history, stories and connection to the land of the Traditional Owners.”

Council thought it was a fantastic idea, and just before ANZAC Day last month, the new flagpole was installed at the Flagstaff Hill roundabout.

A new Aboriginal flag was simultaneously raised at the roundabout at Griffiths Drive and Grand Boulevard, Seaford, at the suggestion of South Coast Councillor Richard Peat, who told Onkaparinga Now Summer's email had also inspired him.

“Summer's questioning made council focus on truthful reconciliation, which our younger generation embraces,” he said.

The raising of the two flags brings them in line with other council locations across the city where both flags already fly together, including at the Noarlunga council offices.

FLYING HIGH

Summer and Karl Telfer, Acting Mayor Simon McMahon, Councillors Marion Themeliotis and Richard Peat at the Flagstaff Hill roundabout; bottom images - Karl and Councillor Peat at the Seaford roundabout.



Major flood protection secured for Onkaparinga communities

The federal government is investing more than \$9.5 million for a safety upgrade to the Mount Bold Dam, preparing and preventing Onkaparinga communities from future devastating flood events.

The announcement follows years of advocacy from the local community and City of Onkaparinga.

"In 2016, parts of Old Noarlunga were flooded twice, with residents having since reported that in order to include flood protection, their insurance premiums increased by up to 600 per cent," Senator McLachlan said when announcing the funding in May.

"This funding will support increasing the level of flood attenuation provided, while Mount Bold Dam is being upgraded, to safely pass the probable maximum flood over the dam's spillways, without causing it to fail."

City of Onkaparinga Acting Mayor Simon McMahon said council was thrilled with the funding through the National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program, and the upgrade would help protect the lives and properties of Old Noarlunga residents.

"Securing additional flood protection has been a key focus of council since 2019, and it has been the number one priority in our Advocacy Plan, so it's fantastic our hard work and funding commitment has come to fruition," Acting Mayor McMahon said.

"This decision recognises the community needs to be future-proofed from the impacts on the increased risk of flooding caused by climate change, minimising the risk of another devastating flood event.

"A huge thankyou to the federal government and Senator McLachlan, who has been instrumental in achieving this outcome. Thanks also to the state government for joining forces with us in the funding application and co-contribution.

"Finally, thank you to the community for making your voices heard, particularly the Old Noarlunga Community Residents Association (ONCRA), which also advocated tirelessly."

ONCRA spokesperson Pam Scanlon said the announcement was an exciting development for Old Noarlunga residents' future.

"The 2016 floods were devastating," she said.

"While the town has flooded before, to varying degrees, it was the speed and level of the water, the flooding of roads first, making evacuation difficult and the lack of warning that is still in the memories of residents today.

"We live close to nature at the entrance to the Onkaparinga Gorge and while we can accept some associated challenges, the historic township and its residents are extremely grateful to be supported by federal, state and local governments with this grant for additional flood mitigation.

"This confidence should allow our community to become even more cohesive and strengthen our part in the modern

history of the region. It is an exciting development for our future."

The \$325 million Mount Bold Dam Safety Project is part of SA Water's upgrade of the Mount Bold reservoir dam, which was to provide protection for a one-in-18-year Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood event if the reservoir was full.

City of Onkaparinga agreed to join forces with the state government in its application for federal funding in February, and this included a council and state co-contribution of \$1.5875 million.

The federal funding means a superior flood option can now be built, offering protection for a one-in-100-year AEP flood event if the reservoir is full.

Council will look to spread its financial commitment over several years to minimise the impact on ratepayers, with the payment to be considered as part of its annual budget and Long Term Financial Plan update process.

Detailed design is currently taking place, with construction currently expected to start in 2023, and take approximately three-and-a-half years.

A BOLD ANNOUNCEMENT

A view of the Mount Bold Reservoir from; City of Onkaparinga Acting CEO Julia Grant, Acting Mayor Simon McMahon and Manager Assets and Technical Services Morgan Ellingham;



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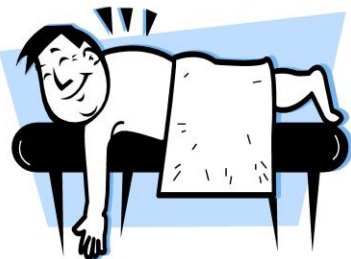
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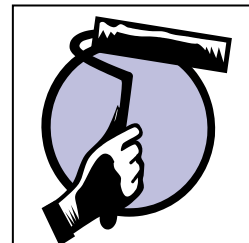
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